

## Full Biography

Rosa Alicia Clemente is a Black Puerto Rican grassroots organizer, hip-hop activist, journalist, and entrepreneur.

Founder of **Know Thy Self Productions**, Rosa has created two successful college/universities tours, **Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win, Speak Truth to Power** and the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) College Freedom Tour.

With an earned degree from the University of Albany and a Masters of Professional Studies from Cornell University she is committed to scholar-activism and youth organizing. As an activist she has traveled domestically and internationally to colleges, universities, high schools, and prisons.

She has delivered lectures on topics such as **African-American and Latino/a Intercultural Relations, Hip-Hop Activism, The History of the Young Lords Party, and Organizing to Free U.S. Political Prisoners**. Rosa has written for *Clamor Magazine, The Black World Today, The Final Call* and has been the subject of articles in the *Village Voice, The Amsterdam News, the New York Times and Red Eye Magazine*.

Rosa has appeared on CNN, C-Span, and Democracy Now, Street Soldiers, and National Public Radio (NPR). In 2001 she was a youth representative at the United Nations World Conference against Racism in South Africa and in 2003 was named by **Red Eye Magazine** as one of the top **50 Hip Hop Activists** to look out for.

Currently she is a co-host/co-producer WBAI's (99.5 FM/NYC) show *Where We Live*, was recently published in **Third World Press, Role Call: A Generational Anthology**, is a member of the **Malcolm X Grassroots Movement**, the **Black August Collective**, is the coordinator of the **People vs. Ashcroft Campaign** and a national coordinator for the **2004 Hip Hop Convention**.

Rosa is currently writing a novel titled ***Siempre Palante: Young Lords and the Legacy of Youth Activism and Resistance***.

Rosa is a proud daughter of a Boricua mother and father and believes that young people must and always pursue their right to Self-Determination, Self-Respect and Self-Defense.